GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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POLICY FOR PROMOTION OF TOURISM
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have formulated a comprehensive policy for promotion of tourism in a big way;

(b) if so, the tourist circuits/regions identified/selected under the scheme;

(c) whether Railways have identified any sector in Andhra Pradesh for promotion of tourism;

(d) if so, any special package proposed to be launched in the A.P. sector; and

(e) whether Railways have any proposal to introduce Palace-on-Wheels type of train in the A.P. for development of tourism in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a)& (b) Railways have taken steps for promoting tourism by running special trains/coaches as per demand, luxury trains like Palace on Wheels, Royal Orient Express, providing Indrail Passes, reservation quota, facilitation centresfor the foreign tourists etc. A new company, Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC), has also been set up by the Railways in 1999 for providing value added tourism packages.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. Proposals for running Pilgrim Special trains and Palace on Wheels type train in Andhra Pradesh so far have not been found viable.